

Ottawa, Week by Week

(By DEAN WILSON)

Conclave of Canada's Leaders

With a number of constitutional and financial problems assuming greater importance day by day, need for the Dominion Provincial Conference being held as soon as possible is now apparent to officials, who are extremely busy with preparations for this gathering on August 6th next. Indeed, a further sign of the anxiety of the government for finding solutions for some of these urgent problems is the report in this capital that already high ranking officials have held meetings with a view to study comparative policies of Dominion-Provincial relationships, with this meeting or meetings said to have been satisfactory. Moreover, it is known that some of the problems which may be considered at the coming Dominion-Provincial Conference may include issues over taxation, old age pensions, health insurance, employment, and others which require Dominion-Provincial co-operation to a greater or lesser extent, especially bearing in mind that some provinces are poorer than others, so that these authorities may not be able to assume financial responsibilities to a somewhat high degree unless their sources of revenue are increased. Nevertheless, regardless of such problems, the principal objective, as hinted in well informed circles in Ottawa, is to avoid the Conference from suffering "an anti-climactic death" as happened in 1941, since it would be extremely tragic for the taxpayers of Canada if this occurred in 1945, on account of the multiplicity and seriousness of issues involved. In 1941, the late Premier Alexander of Alberta, the former Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario, and Premier Patullo of British Columbia, proved to be stumbling blocks on the road towards Dominion-Provincial co-operation, though their absence was not present at this gathering.

Political "Dark Horses"

A deep interest has developed in "inner" political circles in Ottawa over the likely effects of a number of recounts in certain constituencies, as a result of close voting totals in the last general election, since a Ministry seems may be at stake. These create more Cabinet casualties, then the reorganization of the Cabinet may be delayed, because legal proceedings can be postponed or deferred for considerable time under various

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circumstances. Then again, there is a story heard in Ottawa that "solid" dark boots may enter into the picture of the new Cabinet reorganization, with the suggestion offered by veteran politicians on Parliament Hill that surprises may be forthcoming in changes, particularly as regards the concentration of portfolios and the so-called "Independents," which number about 15, mainly from Quebec, where a mild form of political class has existed for some months.

More Troubles

While previously farmers had suffered heavily in many sections of this country through the freak or whimsical moods of the weather, they are following a betterment in this direction they are now reported in Ottawa as enduring terrible hardships on the score of labor troubles, because not only is good help not available in sufficient numbers, but the psychological mood of workers is providing bad heartaches for them. According to information given by the Government, during the last few years, though the wages offered by the farmers are the highest possible they can afford, indeed, in some cases, it is impossible to get such farm help, and all this is happening at a time when there is a crying need for more and more farm products.

Demanded for Inquiry

There is much comment along the coast by the demand by a high official of the C.C.F. for a Royal Commission inquiry into the operations of an organization which it is alleged, had supposedly spent "hundreds of thousands of dollars during the last general election campaign" in the province, in order to influence where large businesses were evading income and excess profits tax by making "political contributions through an association which set itself up as a public relations agent." This high official of the C.C.F. declared, in part, in a speech in the capital that such an inquiry should be held, asking in emphatic language: "What is this but an invitation to business to make political contributions in such a way as to evade taxation?"

Story Behind the Story

Notwithstanding all rumors to the contrary, this veteran observer had reported for a long time now that real rationing was forthcoming in Canada, so that present preparations for such a rationing policy provided no surprise for readers of this column. However, it should be added that it has been hinted backstage on Parliament Hill that the reintroduction of meat rationing had been opposed in some quarters in Ottawa, on the basis of an argument that there was no certainty that such a rationing policy would definitely create more meat for export or less for consumption, even if the administration of this rationing might prove most difficult in the end as predicted. Then again, it is pointed out on Parliament Hill that, in face of all arguments favoring such a policy of meat rationing for Canada on the part of the United States, yet the experience of a similar desire in the United States for adding other rationing policies in Canada has not been a happy event, with the reference being to footwearing. With Ever since footwearing has been rationed in the United States, there have been loud demands that Canada ought to follow the same road. Nevertheless, the best information in Ottawa has shown that there are enough shoes for everyone in Canada without any real rationing of shoes. Indeed, in the past year, Americans used an average of three quarters of a pair of shoes more per capita than Canadians, though United States went to all the trouble of rationing, and there was no such restriction in Canada, with Americans in the

past year actually using one and three-quarter pairs of shoes more than Canadians. It is a lesson worth remembering.

Disrupting Light Storm Breaks Heat Wave

Lightning Bolt Strikes Village, Disrupting Light Service

The heat wave of last week, which was at its peak on Saturday afternoon, was broken by a violent electrical storm.

Heavy and threatening clouds rolled up rapidly in mid-afternoon, and were soon followed by a pall of billowing dust preceding the downfall of rain. Not more than an eighth of an inch of moisture was received in the village, but indications were that the storm was very much in the north. This was verified later by reports of hail destroying and damaging crops over a wide area, extending from the light area northward to a distance of roughly four miles. Moving from the west, the storm diverged in a north-easterly direction as far as the Lethbridge church, north of John's Landing. Farm gathering strength as it passed eastward toward Craig and the west, the storm had been wind and farmers suffered 100 per cent crop losses.

U. F. W. A.

The June meeting of the Delta U.F.W.A. was held as usual. The routine business of the local was dealt with.

The play "Aunt Tilly Goes To Town," a farce in three acts, is being produced, and promises to be an evening of fun. Tickets are being sold for the play, which will be followed by a dance. Date to be announced later.

Billie Greer, who was the delegate sent by the U.F.W.A. to the Farm Young People's week at Hinton, was present and gave an interesting report.

Mrs. V. Bane, the guest speaker, closed as her topic, "World Welfare," and presented many facts.

One of the objectives of the Delta U.F.W.A. in the future is to send a delegate from this district each year to the Farm Young People's week, held in Edmonton annually.

The next meeting of the Delta U.F.W.A. will be held on August 2nd, as there is no meeting in July. Meeting adjourned, while the hostesses, Mrs. Robt. Milne and Mrs. H. J. Stone, served a lovely lunch.

THE WORLD OF WHEAT

By H. C. L. STRANGE

Testing the Farmer's Seed

The Crop Testing Plant has started on its fifteenth year of work of testing thousands of samples of farmers' grain which have been used for seeding the current crop.

These samples have been tested at dozens of points throughout the Province in order to determine the most competent Plant Breeder and Chemist will analyze them to determine the variety, and to note the admixture of other seed under similar varieties which, of course to degrade the crop both for yield and quality.

The analysis of the growing crop is necessary because few varieties can be identified solely on the basis of the kernel, but can be identified by the chemical analysis of the seed.

Seed, individual farmer will be notified as to the results of the test, so that he will be able to determine whether this coming fall and tell him that he should secure more better seed so that he will be able to improve the yield and quality of his crop.

Sown by Haring—Buy War Savings Bonds Regularly

MAIN HIGHWAY WORK NOW IN FULL SWING

Road crews are making progress with projects on this year's program of the provincial public works department, according to reports received by the Alberta Motor Association. There is \$1,000,000 for main roads.

Under suitable weather conditions, progress is reported on the reconstruction of sections of the Calgary-Almonton Highway. Some concrete work was made over the condition of the ditches, and there were no significant results by the minister, Hon. W. A. Falvo.

One of the main projects in the rebuilding of the road from Edmonton south to Millar. This was on the 1944 program but had to be delayed, due partly to wet weather conditions last year, when it was impossible to make the program.

Officials say that work also is going ahead on the Calgary-Crowfoot reconstruction project, which is being completed this season. Another of the major 1944 jobs under way along stretching and paving of the main highway between Calgary and Lethbridge. Crews are working from the south end, and will expect some 100 miles will be finished this season.

The total value of road construction in Canada's 1944 was \$20,299,000. The figure for Alberta was \$25,566,000, for Saskatchewan \$38,580,000, and Manitoba \$25,011,000.

Meatless Days in Restaurants

Tuesdays and Fridays are meatless days in public eating places in Canada, under new meat rationing regulations.

"Meatless means meatless," says a Prime Minister official, for the present rationing program covers all meats and most products including offal such as livers, liver, heart and sweetbreads. Even pork and lard are served with a strip of bacon will be "cut" on meatless Tuesdays and Fridays, although the French condiments serving soup from meat stock.

Fish and poultry are exempt from the regulations.

The new meat rationing program affecting public eating places, made its first Friday, June 13th. Although consumer rationing of meat is nearly two months away, many housewives are planning now to commence meat conservation by observing meatless Tuesdays and Fridays in the home as well.

STUDENT'S BOOKLETS

Rural school children in Alberta should obtain a copy of the booklet, "Meat & Milk—How to Measure," which was distributed free by the United States War Relocation Authority. This booklet is available to any school student who writes to the publicity Department of the Alberta War Relocation Authority. Copies of the booklet are also available to any school student who writes to the publicity Department of the Alberta War Relocation Authority. This booklet is available to any school student who writes to the publicity Department of the Alberta War Relocation Authority.

Rationing helps the FARMER

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- Rationing assures everyone a fair share of scarce foods. Without rationing, farmers might get all the butter they need; they might not get sugar. City dwellers might get sugar but no butter.
- Rationing helps to keep prices steady.
- Rationing has assured farmers sufficient ammunition to protect their crops and livestock.
- Rationing makes it possible for farmers to get coupons to feed harvesters and other transient farm workers.

The FARMER helps Rationing

HERE'S NOW!

- By collecting and turning in the coupons attached against the sale of one and one-half of butter and the sale of honey and rationed maple products.
- By writing to the Local Ration Board for application form RB-77 as SOON as they know definitely that transient labour ration will be needed to feed extra help hired for periods of less than two weeks.

Rationing is not intended to end unnecessarily the burden of Canadian farmers, who, faced with shortages of labour, materials and machinery, have continued to respond to repeated calls for greater production.

It is a protection against waste, shortages and inflation.

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

THE BIG THREE MEETING BERLIN TO SEEK FORMULA FOR PERMANENT WORLD PEACE

INFORMED SOURCE: President Truman told a cheering throng in Washington that the Big Three meeting may result not only in a formula for permanent peace but also in a new era of international cooperation.

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EGGS FOR BRITAIN

Need For Eggs Was Greater Than

YORKTOWN, Mass.—John A. Frank, director of the British military mission in Canada, said today that the need for eggs in Britain was greater than the need for any other food item at any period during the past year.

He said Britain needed every egg that could be supplied to the end of 1945 and that eggs were now under way for a 1947 contract.

He said that dry egg products were being used in large quantities in the problem of European food relief.

SECRET REVEALED

U.S. Air Force From Russia Operated Under Noose Of Germany

LONDON—More than 1,000 important prisoners were flown out of Berlin during the last year of the European war by the United States army's "secret aircraft" which operated under the noose of Germany.

Some secrecy of this operation, perhaps the most important of the war, was revealed today by a full-scale military history between Britain and Russia.

It was revealed by Brig. Gen. Earl H. Hoag, commander of the European division of the air transport command.

OUTLOOK CHANGED

Henry Blair In Australia, Empire For What Reason?

SYDNEY, Australia.—Doubtless looking back overnight the outlook for Australia which faced two or three weeks ago a severe crisis for only to find itself not only in but barley and other cereals.

A New South Wales crop report issued last week by the government showed that the wheat area throughout the state was 10,000 acres more than in 1944.

ITALIANS HUNGRY

Comec, Dances In Milan Asks For Bread And Work

MILAN—Crows taking bread and work and a more serious struggle of the Italian people for bread and work was the scene in Milan today.

Thousands of people were seen in the streets of Milan today, some of them in the streets of Milan today.

MANY CANADIAN WILL LIKELY BE ENGAGED IN THE POLICING OF GERMANY

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HOW VETERANS ARE TAKEN CARE OF ON TRAINS

Montreal—Transport Commission

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